

Friends of Ashlands Meeting Notes

Wed 05/3/19

Attendees

Kelly Weston, Luke Raven, Natalie Brown, Fran Temperton, Kate D'Arcy, Laura Phillips.

Welcomes and apologies

Apologies were received from Zoe Ayre, Sarah Jones and Andrew Soutar.

Review of previous minutes

Minutes from last meeting (12/09/18) were approved by everyone present.

Treasurer's report

Luke Raven to add.

New Treasurer required

Due to personal circumstances, the current treasurer, Luke Raven, is standing down. **Kelly** to write parentmail to be sent out to ask if anyone interested in taking on this role. It was stressed that a treasurer is required to continue the work of Friends of Ashlands.

School report and building project.

Kelly Weston presented information from Andrew Soutar, in his absence. The recent meeting at school was successful. It has been agreed to finish the architects brief first which will enable decisions to be made, for example different uses the building could have. When the architects brief is complete, it will then be a process of appointing an architect.

Events

- **Film night:** Friday 8th March. This was a success and sold out in a couple of days.
- **Pancake day race:** Friday 8th March. Another success after last year. Prizes were donated from Tesco.
- **Spring Fair:** Saturday 23rd March. All the stalls are sold out. There is a really good mix of crafts, young entrepreneurs etc. Volunteers will be needed to help set up in the morning from 9.30am.
- **Carnival:** The first 'make it' day took place on Saturday 9th March. Two others are planned for Thursday 21st March (6.30pm at the Hollygarth Social Club) and Saturday 6th April (9.30am at Ashlands). A year 5 rep is still needed for the Carnival. Laura Hitchcock has drawn some lovely illustrations of the parade which will be shown to classes. It has given everyone an idea of what we are aiming for. The illustrations will also be used to talk about the history of the carnival. Kate is keeping all the

information from this year so that it can ease any handover for next / future years. The carnival team are keeping a tally on costs so as not to make a loss. **Kate** to find out about limit of parents walking with their children.

Review this years events and promotion of these

Kelly is planning to put together Friends of Ashlands information so that it can be put into the pack that is provided for reception children / parents before they start in September. It is hoped to detail all the events for the year ahead and including information about FoA.

Friends funds and how we want to use them this year

Kelly has spoken to Andrew Soutar and it has been agreed that some FoA money can be used for day to day running of the school. Kelly is planning to meet some teachers soon about what this money could be spent on.

Any other business

- Fran asked if there was any money this year for the Year 6 leavers (money for party / leavers t shirts...). **Kelly** to find out.
- There was a discussion about how FoA could contribute money to help subsidise school trips. To be discussed further.
- Luke raised a previous discussion about the possibility of Ashlands 'twinning' with a nearby school. It could link with religious / cultural festivals and enhance children's learning. This is perhaps a discussion at school. **Kelly** to ask Andrew Soutar about this option.
- Kate asked if there is free entrance to Fun and Games for new starters to Ashlands. It was decided this has happened in previous years and is a good introduction to the school and FoA.
- Luke asked if it could be an option if Rock Choir could perform at Fun and Games. **Luke** to ask Nicola Wharmby and to ask Rock Choir if they would be interested.
- The next second hand school uniform sale will take place on 7th June.

Date, time and location of next meeting

Wednesday 8th May, 8pm, Friends of Ham.